THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.8875 OF 2007

Dt: 26.04.2007

Between:

Maha Laxmi Saw Mill.

… Petitioner

and

Divisional Forest Officer Wild Life Division and others

… Respondents

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ORDER:

The petitioner established a Saw Mill at Khajipeta of Kadapa District, in the year 1995, duly obtaining licence from the competent authority. The saw mill was running up to the year 2002. Thereafter, the petitioner did not run the saw mill, on account of his illness. He claims to have submitted a representation to the 1st respondent in the year 2006, with a prayer to permit him to shift the saw mill from Khajipeta to Rajampeta. The grievance of the petitioner is that the 1st respondent has not passed any orders so far.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Government Pleader for Forests.

The Andhra Pradesh Saw Mills (Regulations) Rules,1969 prescribe the procedure for grant and renewal of Saw Mill licence. Once a licence had lapsed, on account of non-renewal, the question of permitting the licensee to shift the Saw Mill, does not arise. He has to apply for licence afresh.

Hence, the Writ Petition is disposed of, leaving it open to the petitioner to apply for a fresh licence under Rule (4) of the Rules. As and when such application is made, the 1st respondent shall consider the same and pass appropriate orders, within a period of six weeks, from the date of its presentation. There shall be no order as to costs.

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L.NARASIMHA REDDY, J.

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